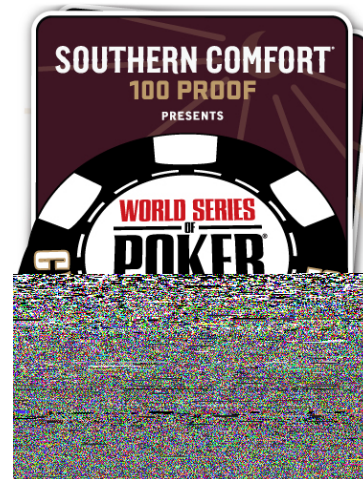


**2012/2013 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Nine
IP Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi
Main Event (Event #11)
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In \$1,500 (+\$165)
Total Entries: 300
Prize Pool: \$450,000
August 18-20, 2012**



KYLE CARTWRIGHT WINS RECORD-TYING FIFTH WSOP CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

Tennessee-based pro ties Mark “Pegasus” Smith as the all-time Circuit ring leader.

Cory Wood earns Casino Champion honors with three final table appearances.

Biloxi, MS (August 20, 2012) — Kyle Cartwright joined the ranks of the WSOP Circuit’s elite Monday afternoon at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS.

Prior this history day Cartwright had won four WSOP Circuit championships in just sixteen months. If it wasn’t known before, the 24-year-old, Tennessee-based professional has a game tailor-made for the Circuit and the hardware to prove it.

With that in mind, it should come as no surprise Cartwright did it again. On Monday afternoon he bested the last of 299 other players who took their seats in the \$1,675 WSOP Circuit Main Event at IP Casino Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS.

The victory marked his record-tying fifth WSOP Circuit win and second Main Event championship and awarded the young pro \$107,992.

“It feels good and it hasn’t taken that long,” Cartwright said of winning number five. “It’s been about two years and I hope to get a lot more in the next few years. If someone gets six, I want seven. Whatever the record is, I want it.”

Joining Cartwright at the final table were Casino Champion contenders John Dolan and Cory Wood. Wood began the day as the leader in the race to the season-ending championship in New Orleans, but if he finished sixth and Dolan finished runner-up, Wood would lose the honors to Dolan. With the elimination of Dennis Pasentine in sixth, Wood could breathe a sigh of relief as he was then guaranteed a seat in the WSOP National Championship. Dolan, who had a phenomenal series in his own right, recorded first and third place finishes but came up short of locking up a seat.

“Me and Dolan are actually buddies,” Cartwright said. “He’s one of the best players I know for sure. He’s taught me a lot and was helping me on break. He’s a fantastic player and has had an insanely good past few years.”

